



ALEXANDRIA, VA.

SATURDAY EVENING, AUGUST 2.

FOR PRESIDENT,  
GROVER CLEVELAND, OF NEW YORK  
FOR VICE PRESIDENT,  
THOS. A. HENDRICKS, OF INDIANA.

SENATOR PLUMB, republican, from Kansas, who attended the recent republican convention of North Carolina, says, in reference to the probable result of the coming election in that State: "I think its doubtful because the counting machinery is against us, and the democrats wouldn't let the republicans have the State if they won it. Still, our friends seem to feel quite confident." If Mr. Plumb exhibited as little sense in his financial matters as he does in such talk as the above, he would not have acquired the large fortune he has amassed since he entered Congress. How the republicans of North Carolina can feel "quite confident," and at the same time know that "the democrats wouldn't let them have the State if they won it," is what no body but Senator Plumb can tell.

THE RICHMOND *Whig*, General Mahone's private and personal property, says "Virginia has been a republican State since 1879." Then why, in the name of common sense, did General Mahone take from the republicans thirty thousand votes in 1880, and thereby prevent the State from casting its vote for Garfield? If the *Whig* be right, it sustains all that Wickham, Desondor and the other straight-out republicans have said about the injury Mahone inflicts upon the republican party in Virginia.

ATTORNEY GENERAL BLAIR, who draws a salary for defending the State's legal interests, but doesn't object to receive additional fees for the same work from accommodating Mahoneite State officials, says that mining operations in Southwest Virginia have been suspended in consequence of the fear of what the democrats may do if they come into power. The Mahoneites must be men of very limited intelligence, or else must put a very low estimate upon the intelligence of other people.

A FAIR estimate of the intelligence of the audience Mr. Riddleberger addressed at Luray last Monday may be formed from the fact that his remark, to the effect that if re-education can not be effected in Virginia Blaine is the very man the State wants for President, as he is in favor of the national government paying Virginia's debt, was received with applause. This remark also shows not only the character of the man who uttered it, but the correct idea he had of the crowd to whom he was speaking.

MR. BLAINE'S friends are not discreet when they compare the banging of an intoxicated man in New Orleans by General Butler because he attempted to climb a pole and cut down a flag, and the exercise of a judicial sentence by Governor Cleveland in the discharge of his duty as sheriff. The remembrance of the former act will not gain Mr. Blaine a single vote in the North, but may lose him many in what his partisans call the "doubtful" States of the South.

THE WASHINGTON *Republican*, the paper whose chief object, no matter under whose individual control it may be, seems to be to abuse and misrepresent the South, is the especial favorite of the Mahoneites. Senators Mahone and Riddleberger recommend it to the support of Virginians, and so solicitors is Governor Cameron about its material welfare, that he advertises in it his proclamation for the special session of the Legislature.

THE REPUBLICAN newspapers which are now harping upon an alleged private scandal in the life of Governor Cleveland are the identical ones which defended Beecher, which ignored similar charges against President Arthur, and which will be the first to deprecate the publication of the painful truth in Mr. Blaine's private life, when the democrats shall be forced to be reticent about it no longer.

It is reported that Col. Robert Berkley, of the Southside, intends to vote for Blaine. The Colonel, until last winter, when he was an unsuccessful candidate for Secretary of the Commonwealth, was a pronounced democrat. Mr. Blaine is no less a republican now than he was then, nor has any change taken place since then either in the policy or principles of the democratic party, State or national.

THE WASHINGTON *Republican*, in daring the New York *Herald* to print all it knows about the painful skeleton in the family of Mr. Blaine, shows that it is no real friend of the man it nominally supports; for his most inveterate and implacable personal enemy could not wish him a more grievous injury than would be inflicted upon him by the publication of the painful truth referred to.

THE *Christian Union*, of New York, says: "Mr. Cleveland, as Governor, 'has fulfilled the promises made by his earlier career. He has conducted the State administration on strictly business principles.'"

That's just the sort of man the country now wants in the White House.

GENERAL MAHONE'S home organ says: "It only now remains for the Bourbons to import directly from England a lot of the Cobden club men." Or resurrect Mr. Garfield, the late republican President, for he was a member of the Cobden club.

## EDITORIAL BREVITIES.

—Turkeys are hired out by the day in certain portions of California to destroy grasshoppers.

—A St. Louis belle in the process of making her toilet was timed. Four hours by a Shrewsbury clock.

—A colored woman in Portsmouth who had been correcting an obdurate child by lowering it to the bottom of a well has been arrested in that place.

—Fifty men were arrested in Pittsburgh for causing the death of a demented woman, and nine have been taken into custody in New York for a similar offense.

—The residents of the annexed portion of New York have complained to the authorities that they live in a regular pandemonium. One hundred and fifty trains pass their houses daily and the locomotives attached to each blow long and loud blasts.

—Anthony Wass, a lad, who had been employed as an office and errand boy in a broker's office in New York, while reflecting upon the extensive robberies and defalcations of the day, concluded to try his hand, and walked off with five thousand dollars of his employer's money.

—A bank suspended in Indianapolis some time ago, and the depositors clamored for a receiver in order that an occasional dividend might be paid. They got the receiver—he received everything tendered him, and has now been taken into custody for embezzling \$95,000 from the defunct bank.

—Vicious negroes seem to exist in other places as well as the District of Columbia. George Reed, a negro, a night or two ago stabbed and killed E. H. Beaumont, the station agent at Ely, near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, because the latter ejected him from the depot for profanity and vulgarity.

—A drunken man undertook to walk across the track in front of an advancing train at Johnston's Ferry, N. C., a night or two ago and was killed. The same train a few miles further on ran over and killed a negro who had drunk himself stupid and laid down on the track for a nap, utilizing the rails for a pillow.

—A J. Nellis came from New York State to Erie county, Pa., this week to collect a royalty from farmers for using an alleged infringement on a hay fork. At Fairview a crowd of 200 farmers mobbed Nellis and made an unsuccessful attempt to lynch him. Magisterial interference rescued Nellis with the rope around his neck.

—We have all been taught from infancy that there are thirty thousand living things in each drop of water, though the man who counted them has never been found. A German scientist now says that every cubic foot of air contains fifteen million insects, and a traveling man says that the country hotel beds he has been sleeping in must be built entirely of air.

—Three million dollars worth of chewing gum is sold annually in the Eastern States, mostly to school girls. The article is nothing more than paraffine wax, flavored, colored and molded into various forms to catch the eye of the school-girl public. The wax itself is a white, odorless, tasteless substance and is harmless. It is made from petroleum tar, the black residuum of coal oil.

—An idea of the depravity of youth in large cities may be formed from an instance which occurred in New York this week. A boy was arrested for stealing. He had stolen money from his mother, robbed his sister and stole jewelry from a lady to whom he said he was an orphan boy. When the court, on entering his name in the record, said, "You have no occupation?" he replied with the greatest composure, "Yes, I have; I beg and steal."

—There will be a discussion on the subject of Baptism at Riverton, that is expected to last from 8 to 16 days. The disputants will be of the Baptist and Methodist persuasion. An item in this column two days ago announced the fact that political disputes and weather observations, had a tendency to superinduce cholera wherever that scourge breaks out; but it is undetermined as yet what effect religious controversies have on the disease.

—A boarding-house keeper in New York a day or two ago discovered a strange cat in his kitchen with its head tightly squeezed in a tin milk pitcher. The landlord endeavored to extricate the cat in vain, the feline's claws tearing his hands for his trouble. In his perplexity he threw the animal over the fence; but unfortunately it was met by Mr. Bergh, who caught it and procuring a can opener released pussy, and had the boarding-house proprietor arrested and fined for cruelty to animals.

—The remarkable fact that a twelve-year-old girl had given birth to a two-inch infant in California was copied from an exchange into the GAZETTE a few days ago. The story evidently evolved from the following item, which is going the rounds: A little child of Woodland, Cal., aged about two years, has been ailing for some time, and as the local physicians could not discover the cause, the parents took the child to San Francisco, where it was examined by the leading physicians, who were equally as unsuccessful in their search for the ailment. It seemed that the infant must slowly die, and the parents resigned all hope of saving its life. But while the little one was receiving the customary morning bath a short time since a knot about the size of an egg was discovered in its side, which had formed very suddenly, and seemed to contain some hard substance. A physician was called and decided to cut open the knot. Upon doing so it was found to contain a china doll about two inches long, which the child had swallowed about a year since. The little one rapidly improved after the operation, and is now as well and lively as ever.

Judge Shumate's case will be tried at the next term of the Court of Appeals in Richmond. At Wytheville, says the Attorney-General, the court only refused to docket and hear the case then, because the record had not been printed, the writ of quo warranto had recently been granted, and the case properly belonged to the Richmond district of the court. The merits of the case were not considered at all by the court at Wytheville.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The fire in Philadelphia yesterday destroyed \$150,000 worth of property.

Last month was the coldest and rainiest July in the signal service records.

Health Commissioner De Wolf, of Chicago, declares that so far as the present state of things is concerned, the danger from Texas cattle fever is over.

Both of the Baltimore base ball clubs won yesterday, the Baltimore Unions defeating the Boston at Union Park, and the Orioles the Brooklyn in Brooklyn.

Samuel W. Davenport, a crockery merchant of New York, was run over and killed at Somerville, N. J., yesterday, while walking on the railway track.

Two of the persons—a man and a boy—who were terribly burned by the fire in New York yesterday, have since died, thus making four who lost their lives by the conflagration.

Jesse Plato's white wife having been informed that she can draw several hundred dollars out of the Eutaw bank, Baltimore, by giving thirty days' notice, they have decided to settle down in Washington.

Four boys, from eleven to sixteen years, while playing in a box car of the Baltimore and Ohio Company yesterday morning in Washington, were locked in without knowing it and brought by a train last night to Camden Station, Baltimore.

A dispatch from Tehachapi, Cal., says that a mysterious malady has suddenly manifested itself among the workmen on a new bridge at Needles, Cal. The victims are seized with dizziness and then fall in a fit. Two died in intense agony within two hours.

Mrs. William Hill, of Rockland, Mass., died in Boston yesterday. She had been under the care of a female physician, Mrs. Dr. Helen Cummings, who, to reassure the patient, took some of the medicine prepared for Mrs. Hill. The lady physician is also sick.

The Rev. Samuel Keppler, of the M. E. Church South, died yesterday evening at his residence, in Baltimore, of general prostration, in the 80th year of his age. He had been a minister for 53 years, occupying pulpits in Washington, Philadelphia, Williamsport and other places.

The Massachusetts democratic State and city committees have a definite acceptance from General P. A. Collins of the position of chairman of the State committee. Ratification meetings will be held Friday evening next at Faneuil hall, Boston, and Tremont temple. No decision has been reached as to the attitude of Gen. Butler.

A man named Zilliber murderously assaulted his wife with a base ball bat yesterday morning in Quincy, Ill., breaking her skull in a terrible manner. He then went to the stable and cut his own throat. They are both still living but their injuries are fatal. Zilliber was overcome by the heat some time since and it is thought that he was insane. He attempted suicide on Wednesday last.

Charley Poole of Kentucky, ran off with and married Miss Alexander, who created a blood feud between him and the lady's brother, who threatened Poole's life. On Saturday Charley and his wife and his brother John, returning from a picnic, took a short cut across the Alexanders' farm. John and Elisha Alexander went to intercept them, when the Pooles opened fire, which was returned. Elisha Alexander was killed, John Alexander and Mrs. Poole seriously wounded.

Jacob Kister and Henderson Green escaped from the jail at Belvidere, N. J., Wednesday night. When Sheriff Bowers came to look them in their cells they knocked him down and beat him, and when his wife and son came to his assistance they were also knocked down and beaten. The prisoners then fled in different directions. Each one stole a horse in the neighborhood, and both crossed over the river to Pennsylvania during the night.

The executive committee of the democratic national committee was in session again yesterday at the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York. Chairman Barnum was present, as were Senators and Representatives from various other States, among them Mr. Barbour, of Virginia. After being in session for some time the house No. 11 West Twenty-fourth street was selected for their headquarters, and then they adjourned for the day. During the meeting a general discussion on the plan of the campaign committee to the executive committee was appointed. Hon. J. S. Barbour, of Virginia, was placed on this committee.

Martha Ann Barber, a young colored girl about 16 or 17 years old, was arrested on Monday last at Port Tobacco, Md., charged with killing her infant child and committed to jail. The child was found on Saturday in a swamp, where it had probably been lying for some days as it had been almost entirely eaten up by the buzzards, who had scented it out. There was so little of the body left when found that it was impossible to tell whether the child had died from violence or not. The statement of the girl is that she was on her way with the child to Newport to have it baptized when it died, and she was so afraid that it might be thought she had destroyed it that she hid the body in the swamp where it was found.

Seven men were hanged yesterday, viz: Wilson Stephens, a mulatto boy, at Edgefield Court House, S. C., for the murder of W. H. Steifer, an old German peddler, last December; Frank Williams, colored, who shot and killed his wife at Pine Bluff, Ark.; George Smith and Asberry and George Hughes at Scottsboro, Ala., for arson; Alexander Jefferson, colored, who in jealous rage killed Henry Hickey and Emma Jackson also colored, and slightly wounded his brother, Celestial Jefferson, in Brooklyn, N. Y., and Bug Cuperus, at Cambridge, Md., for the murder of Mrs. Celia Bush Murphy.

At the hanging of the last named the sheriff raised the hatchet and with one blow severed the rope. As the body shot into space the cap, which had not been firmly fastened, blew off, revealing to the horrified witnesses of the execution the distorted visage of the hanged man. Unfortunately the knot slipped as the trap fell, and the fearful spectacle was revealed of a man slowly strangling to death. The wretch's eyes were fairly popping out of his head, and the agony he endured was plainly depicted on his face. The scenes at the execution of Jefferson in Brooklyn were still more horrible. The knot slipped round under his chin, and his neck was not broken. For a moment he was motionless, and then he kicked, and groaned as he slowly strangled. By a desperate effort he got his right hand up to the rope and tore the black cap from his face, exposing its contortions and his staring eyes. After he tore the black cap away his hand fell down by his side. The contortions and convulsions of his body continued for about five minutes.

## ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP, for children teething, is the prescription of one of the best female nurses and physicians in the United States, and has been used for forty years with never-failing success by millions of mothers for their children. During the process of teething its value is incalculable. It relieves the child from pain, cures dysentery and diarrhoea, griping in the bowels, and colic. By giving health to the child it rests the mother. Price 25 cents a bottle. my5-17rM.W&S

## VIRGINIA NEWS.

Leonidas Baugh, a leading citizen of Abingdon, died suddenly Saturday.

Marion was selected as the place for the Southwestern Lunatic Asylum.

Mr. Jacob Seligman, a venerable Hebrew merchant, of Petersburg, died yesterday.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Callow died yesterday, after a short illness, at the Orkney Springs.

The mill property of Mr. Chambliss, near Philomont, Loudoun county, was considerably damaged by the late rains.

Miss Jennie Adie, of Guilford, Loudoun county, received a severe flesh wound in her hand Tuesday morning, from the accidental discharge of a pistol.

Mr. L. W. Reams, of Powhatan, while running a threshing machine a day or two ago had one of his arms caught in the machinery and was so mangled that it had to be amputated.

During the storm Friday week lightning struck one of the chimneys of N. O. Bond's residence, near Fairfax C. H., and shattered it considerably. Several locust trees in his yard were blown down.

Harry Striker, a large brick manufacturer and a worthy citizen of Winchester, 72 years of age, went sailing Thursday night with his son, and was paralyzed in the water. He died before reaching home.

Six ricks of wheat belonging to Mrs. E. V. Harman, upon her farm in Augusta county, and containing eleven or twelve hundred bushels of wheat, were fired by an incendiary and entirely consumed Monday night.

A picnic was given at Centreville last Friday by Mr. Benj. D. Utterback. Late in the afternoon, while wrestling with a friend, Mr. Utterback was so unfortunate as to break his leg, below the knee, in two places. The accident was a painful one.

Judge S. Bassett French, of the Hustings Court of Manchester, on application of Mr. S. L. Post, jr., of New York, Thursday appointed L. P. Ecker, auditor of the Richmond and Alleghany railroad, receiver of the Richmond and Alleghany Coal and Iron Company.

James Currie, an old colored man, about sixty-five years old, fell from the top of the house of James Vaughan, on Main street below the Old Market, Richmond, yesterday afternoon, and was instantly killed. He was on the top of the house at the time repairing the chimney.

Harrison, the murderer, who was sentenced to be hung yesterday at Wytheville, did not pay the penalty of his crime. The Supreme Court in session at Wytheville granted a writ of error and supersedeas in the case, and the question for the court to decide is, whether the character of the deceased for danger and ferocity should have gone to the jury as a justification for the killing? It is not known when the court will be able to decide this case.

The Front Royal *New Era* says: "The fine rains we have been having for the last week were ushered in by a terrific wind storm akin to a cyclone—striking the county in that section where the Millwood and Winchester turnpike crosses the Opequon and sweeping down the pike to Boyceville, through Millwood on to the river, overturning trees, hay stacks, wheat ricks, and even a house or two. Owing to the continued rains much of the hay will doubtless be lost, but the loss will be more than compensated by the corn which the rain just came in time to save. The wind tore Mr. H. H. Martin's wind wheel all to pieces, and that gentleman says he thinks he will lose at least twenty tons of hay. The heavy laden fruit trees, especially the peach, were very badly injured."

## STATE FINANCES.

The Richmond *Dispatch* publishes the following statement of the July funding:

Surrender to July 1, 1884,	\$5,164,732 31
Surrender from July 1st to July 31st, inclusive,	248,229 72
Total surrender,	\$5,412,962 03
NEW ISSUE IN VIRGINIA 3 PER CENT. BONDS.	
To July 1, 1884,	\$3,284,307 31
From July 1st to July 31st, inclusive,	150,690 83
Total,	\$3,434,998 14

Of the amount surrendered for July there was:

Of 10-40 coupon bonds,	\$114,600 00
Of 10-40 coupons,	7,006 50
Of consolidated bonds,	18,857 04
Of consolidated coupon bonds (old),	8,500 00
Unfunded coupon bonds,	15,000 00
Other securities,	83,666 22

Total surrender, \$248,229 72  
Surrender to January 1, 1884, \$2,854,073 32  
Surrender since January 1, 1884, 2,558,988 71

Total,	\$5,412,962 03
Of the total amount surrendered to date there has been—	
Of consolidated coupon bonds, \$13,800	
Of consolidated coupons (tax-receivable),	358,926
Of 10-40 coupon bonds, act	\$29,400
Of 10-40 coupons (tax-receivable),	104,571
Total tax-receivable bonds and coupons,	\$1,106,697 00
Of sterling coupon bonds (old),	546,000 00
Of sterling coupon bonds (old),	246,937 30
Of registered consolidated bonds,	48,300 00
Of registered peeler bonds,	244,500 00
Consol and peeler interest,	236,236 90
Peeler coupon bonds,	950,100 00
Peeler coupons,	537,710 00
Old coupon bonds,	427,000 00
Old coupons,	332,842 25
Old registered bonds,	131,520 45
Interest on old registered bonds,	105,825 67
Other securities,	298,979 53

Total, \$5,412,962 03  
Total amount of tax receivable coupons paid on judgments under act January 14 and 26, 1882, to August 1, 1884, \$214,020.50.

## LIST OF LETTERS.

The following is a list of the letters remaining in the Alexandria, Virginia, postoffice August 2. Persons calling for letters will say they are advertised and give the date of the list. If not called for within thirty days, they will be sent to the dead-letter office, in Washington.

Barker, Mrs. Matilda	Smith, Mary C.
Ball, Miss Sallie	Shelby, Libbie
Brown, Miss Sarah	Seward, Miss Ellen
Dixon, Miss Rebecca	Taylor, Mrs. Mary
Davis, Mrs. M. Amanda	Thomson, De Cato
Greene, C. W.	Taylor, Mrs. James
Jeffries, John	Vaine, Miss Mary
Kiehn, George	Wood, Miss N. B.
Murphy, John C.	Wilcox, M. H.
Pedeston, Miss G.	Whitehurst, G. A.
1t	D. A. WINDSOR, Postmaster.

**HOSTETTER'S**  
The feeble grow strong when Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is used to promote assimilation of the food and enrich the blood. Indigestion, the chief obstacle to an acquisition of strength by the weak, is an ailment which infallibly succumbs to the action of this peerless corrective. Loss of flesh and appetite, failure to sleep, and growing evidence of premature decay, are speedily counteracted by the great invigorant, which braces up the physical energies and fortifies the constitution against disease. For sale by all Druggists and Dealers generally.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

A British man-of-war has been sent to Madagascar to protect British property.

In the British House of Lords the Contagious Diseases bill has passed its third reading.

The Holland Parliament has declared Queen Emma regent during the minority of the Princess Wilhelmina.

The Parnellites in Parliament will not attend the autumn session unless specially summoned to do so by Mr. Parnell.

The Papal consistory has been officially fixed to meet in September in Rome. Probably twelve cardinals will be created.

The cholera epidemic is on the decline at Toulon, and the shopkeepers are returning. At Marseilles fewer cases are reported than for some time past.

The trial of the dynamiters in London has been concluded. James Egan was sentenced to penal servitude for twenty years and John Daly for life.

Reports from the Chinese-French trouble are very conflicting. The latest as stated yesterday, is that China has refused to pay the indemnity demanded and war is imminent.

An establishment for the manufacture of explosive bombs has been discovered in the Rue St. Jacques, Paris. A workman named Roziere, together with his mother and brother, has been arrested.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of M. Savary, president of the board of directors of the Bank of Lyons and Loire. Deputy Chamberlain has fled to America on account of the frauds. M. Savary founded the bank. M. Morand, secretary of the board, has also fled to America.

The Czar of Russia has abandoned his contemplated visit to Copenhagen, in consequence of having been warned by the St. Petersburg police that the delegates of the nihilists and anarchists at Paris and in Switzerland had gone to Denmark, and were concerting another attempt upon his life.

A dispatch from London says that the British steamer Britannia, which left New York July 16th for London, was in collision on Wednesday night with the steamer Bellair, from Hartlepool for Cadiz, and sunk. The crew were rescued by the Bellair and landed at Southampton. Her cargo consisted of 58,000 bushels of oats, 17,000 bushels of wheat, 670,000 pounds of oil cake and a number of cattle. She was of 2,000 tons burthen.

A match game of cricket was begun Thursday at the Kennington oval, London, between the Australian team and the Players of England. The first innings closed last night, the score standing: Players, 107; Australians, 151. The Players in the second innings to-day were all out for 55 runs. The Australians thereupon attempted to play their second innings, when the spectators made a violent demonstration against the players, broke the wickets and stumps, pulled up the ropes, and caused a general melee. The Players came out, and were compelled to retire, surrounded by the police. Several arrests were made. Finally the mob allowed the game to proceed, cheering the Australians, who won by 9 wickets. The mob were incensed by the belief that the Players were careless after the gate money had been taken.

## WISE VS. BIGGER.

WYTHEVILLE, Va., August 1.—There was a large attendance in the Supreme Court to-day, attracted by the case of Wise vs. Bigger, clerk. R. T. Hubbard, esq., opened the argument for Wise, claiming that he, as a citizen and possible candidate for Congress, had a right by mandamus to test the constitutionality of the reapportionment act, and that verbal evidence was admissible to impeach the legislative record. He also contended that the journal disclosed the presence of Wickham and other Senators, and that two-thirds of those present did not vote for the bill.

Major John W. Daniel next spoke, contending for Bigger that it was an unprecedented proceeding; that the court could not inquire into the constitutionality of acts until a case between parties arises presenting the question, and that never in England or America had legislative record been impeached by verbal evidence. Under the Constitution each house had the right to settle its own rules and when either house by its presiding officer decided what it had done, no court could deny it. A legislative declaration of its own enactment was as conclusive as a decree of court, and the court had no more right to dispute the duly authenticated enactment than the Legislature to dispute the court's final decree. The journal shows by ayes and noes all who were present, and states conclusively that nineteen voted for the bill and nine against. This is a showing of two-thirds for the bill. Judge Waller R. Staples will conclude for Bigger Monday, and Mr. Hubbard for Wise.

Great confidence is felt that the court will reject Wise's petition, as the law seems to be plain that authentic legislative records cannot be impeached. From the importance of this case and the interest of the public generally in the same, it is regarded as a privileged one, and the impression is that the court will render a decision at a very early day. *Richmond Dispatch*.

POISONED BY PILLS.—While Mrs. Bridget Boyle, Mrs. Mary Kelly, Daniel Gallagher, Thos. Corran and Annie Carroll (the servant girl) were seated at the supper table at their home, in Philadelphia last night, Mrs. Boyle produced a box containing one hundred pills, and after taking one herself, offered them to the others, who each took from six to fourteen. When the box was handed back to Mrs. Boyle she took all that remained in it. Shortly after all were taken very ill, and upon investigation it was learned that the pills they had taken were strychnine, and contained one-twentieth of a grain each. Annie Carroll died last evening, and all the others are in a critical condition. It is not known for what purpose the pills were obtained, but it is probable that all were unwary of their nature, and swallowed them in a bantering spirit.

## IN MEMORIAM.

As the poet has so beautifully expressed it: "There is a sleeper, whose name is Death, And with his rickles keen, He reaps the harrowed grain at a breath, And the flowers that grow between."

Seldom, indeed, has the grim reaper cut down so lovely a flower as Miss KATE E. BERRIGANS, who was taken hence on Wednesday last. Young, bright and beautiful, just budding into a lovely womanhood, adorned with all the graces of her sex, she was suddenly stricken down by that most terrible destroyer, fire. The awful calamity which had befallen her seemed but to serve to develop the innate heroism of her nature, and throughout all her sufferings, her mind seemed bent on conquering her sorrowing parents and making them forget the pains which racked her tortured body. She expressed her entire willingness to submit to the will of the Saviour, who had suffered so much for her, and sending for all of her companions, begged forgiveness of all with whom she had the slightest disagreement, and counselled others as to their course in life, and presented in her dying moments a most edifying confirmation of the promise, that "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." The writer had known Katie from childhood; had watched, with admiration, the development of her lovely character, and desires now, in sorrowful resignation to the will of God, to lay this imperfect tribute as a wreath of flowers upon her tomb.

"Peace to thy gentle soul, and endless rest, Thy errors pardoned and thy virtues blest; I pray thee, sweet, to be beneath the dewy sod, Till angels wake thee, to meet thy God." H. J. N.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 2, 1884. Among the callers at the democratic headquarters here this morning were Senator Jonas, of Louisiana, and Representatives Gibson and Wilson, of West Virginia. The former, who has just returned from New York, says the democrats there feel perfectly assured of Cleveland's success. He also says that in order to show what they think of the slanders upon the Governor's private character that have been started recently, 400 of the most reputable and respected citizens of Buffalo, the Governor's own city, will come out in a card next week, stating that they intend to vote for him. Messrs. Wilson and Gibson are just from their own State, which they say will give its usual democratic majority. They say that Wilson, the democratic candidate for Governor, is especially strong from the fact that he is an entirely self-made man, his father before him had been himself having worked in the shops at Harper's Ferry, and that though in his earlier political life he was somewhat demagogical, his ideas have broadened with his increased years, and that now he is as conservative as any other politician and is so regarded by men of affairs in his State. They say that there was some squabbling in the State convention, but that, like the cursing and damning of sailors at sea, that showed there was no danger to the ship. When there is real danger, Mr. Gibson says, sailors pray, and so do the democrats, though neither are accustomed to that sort of exercise.

The Chief of Engineers of the Army has received the annual reports of all the engineer officers in charge of coast and harbor defense. They reiterate their assertions of last year that the Atlantic coast and lake fronts are in an almost totally defenseless condition. The majority of the defenses are said to be falling into decay, and the armament in most instances is so far behind the time as to be utterly worthless. General Newton, it is understood, will in his annual report urge immediate provision for the adequate protection of harbors by batteries and fortification of modern design. Colonel Hains has made his annual report to General Newton, Chief of Engineers, upon the defenses of the city of Washington.